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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

DATE: November 26, 1963

FROM : SA JOHN M. MC CARTHY

SUBJECT: THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference Atlanta teletype to Dallas and New Orleans dated 11/25/63 at 12:34 A.M.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN M. MC CARTHY on November 25, 1963 at New Orleans, Louisiana:

A review of the New Orleans indices reveal no identifiable record of VEREEN ALEXANDER, AL PECORARO, LIONEL HAMPTON, ROBERT HOFFMAN, PATTY HAHN.

The New Orleans files do show, however, that the May, 1961 issue of "The Reed" is a newspaper published at Tulane University, which at that time favored the existing conditions in Cuba. One of the staff members, BILL JOHNSON, was identified in 1960 as the Chairman of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. The files further show that JOHN DOLPHIN BASS, DOB 1/7/34, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, residing at 1132 Lowerline Avenue, New Orleans, La. was a graduate teaching assistant at Tulane University. [redacted] On 2/8/62 BASS brought several Negroes to the Tulane School Cafeteria, A newspaper article contained in the file reflected the information concerning BASS showed that WILLIAM EDWARD CLARK was ousted from Tulane University for taking Negroes into the school cafeteria.

The New Orleans files show that WILLIAM EDWARD CLARK, 2225 Jena Street, Apartment C, New Orleans, Louisiana, appeared on a list containing the membership of the New Orleans Council

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For Peaceful Alternatives which also showed the name of AL PECORARO, 3631 Elysian Fields, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The files further showed that CLARK and several others were attacked by two white males on December 22, 1961 with acid while participating in a sit-in at Woolworth Cafeteria. The files further show that CLARK deposited $67 for the U. S. Festival Committee for the Eighth World War Festival, Helsinki, Finland.

It is also shown in the New Orleans files that JIMMY MC DONALD, an officer of the above group wrote a letter to CLARK.

The New Orleans files further show that CLYDE GRANVILLE BRONSON, aka. C. J. Bronson, Joseph W. Cox, Ben J. Hogan, B. J. Hogan, J. E. Hoover, Lynn Walter Howard, Robert J. Jackson, Howard S. Mc Lean, resided at 105 Decatur Street, New Orleans in March of 1954. [redacted] b7C

The New Orleans records show that SLOGAN's Bar, 4929 Feret Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and owned by LAWRENCE VILLENEUR, 2309 Roberts Street, New Orleans in 1955 was at the place where RAY HAMMA and FRED SILE had allegedly passed a Communist Newspaper to each other in September, 1955. The New Orleans indices at that time were negative regarding SILE and HAMMA and the case was closed.

CLAIRE OLSEN, Identification Technician, New Orleans Police Department, advised that she could find no identifiable record regarding the above individuals in her files except that WILLIAM E. CLARK, New Orleans Police Department Number 107089 was arrested with JOHN BASS for vagrancy on February 17, 1962. She stated that her files also show that CLYDE G. BRONSON, New Orleans Police Department Number 69446 was arrested for worthless checks on March 25, 1963. She stated that PEARL COX, 1118 Main Street, Princeton, Indiana, wrote a letter to the New Orleans Police Department on 8/27/57 inquiring as to whether BRONSON was being held by their department.